



WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS FOR FOX VALLEY WISCONSIN COUNTIES

July 2004

Unadjusted Unemployment Rates Rise from May to June, But Down from Last Year

During June, the unemployment rate increased slightly as the number of employed rose slower than average during the month and did not keep up with the number of workers entering the labor force. However, seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates in the region are considerably lower than one year ago as the number of employed in the region has increased.

The unadjusted unemployment rate for the Fox Valley Region was 4.7 percent, an increase of 0.4 of a percentage point from May. All of the counties and the Appleton/Oshkosh MSA had an increase in their rates over the month. The increases in the region range from a low of 0.3 of a percentage point in Green Lake County and the Appleton/Oshkosh MSA to 0.6 of a percentage point in Fond du Lac County.

It is not unusual for the unemployment rate to increase during the month. Along with the overall economy, two other factors affect the rate during June. One is the weather. If the weather during June it cool and wet, such as this year, summer jobs have a tendency to begin

a bit later. This delays the start of the workers entering the labor force past the week that the labor force data is collected and thus raises the unemployment rate. Another factor is the timing of the end of the school year. Like the weather, if it is after the count of the labor force data for the month, which is taken during the week that the twelfth falls the

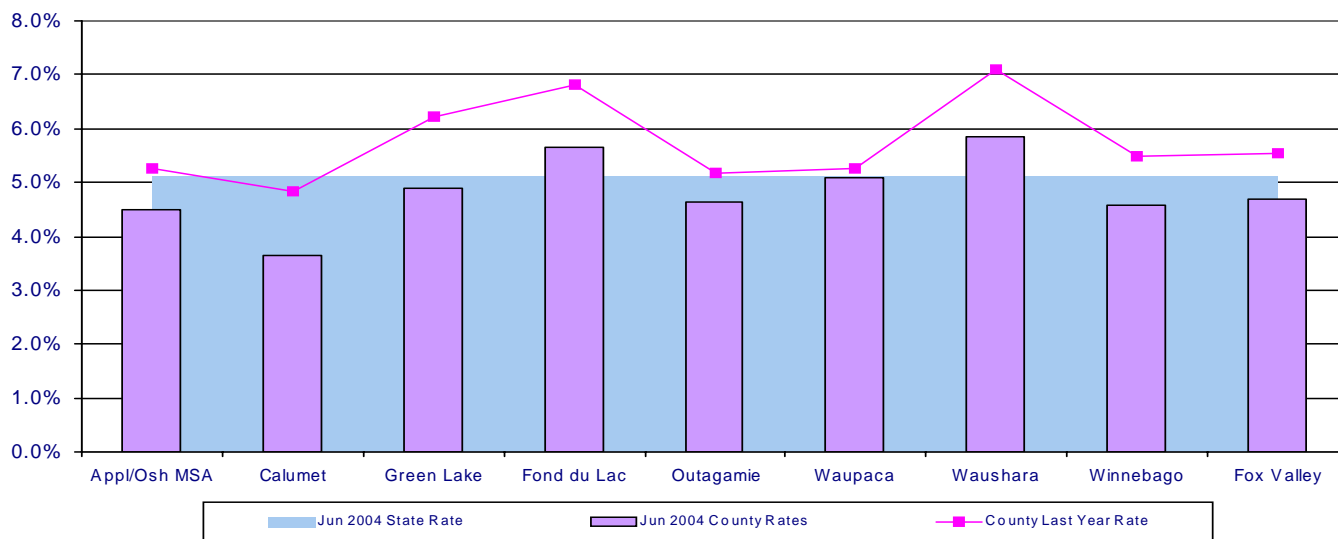
workers may be considered to be in the labor force, but not yet employed.

Labor Force Estimates (Seasonally Adjusted)			
	Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah Msa	Wisconsin	United States (000's)
June-2004			
Civilian Labor Force	237,370	3,117,900	147,279
Employment	227,415	2,963,000	139,031
Unemployment	9,956	154,900	8,248
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	5.0%	5.6%
May-2004			
Civilian Labor Force	(100)	2,300	305
Employment	100	5,600	259
Unemployment	(200)	(3,300)	45
Unemployment Rate	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.0%
Jun-2003			
Civilian Labor Force	493	36,800	362
Employment	2,137	55,800	1,358
Unemployment	(1,645)	(19,100)	(997)
Unemployment Rate	-0.7%	-0.6%	-0.7%

Note: All estimates are rounded and preliminary, based on place of residence

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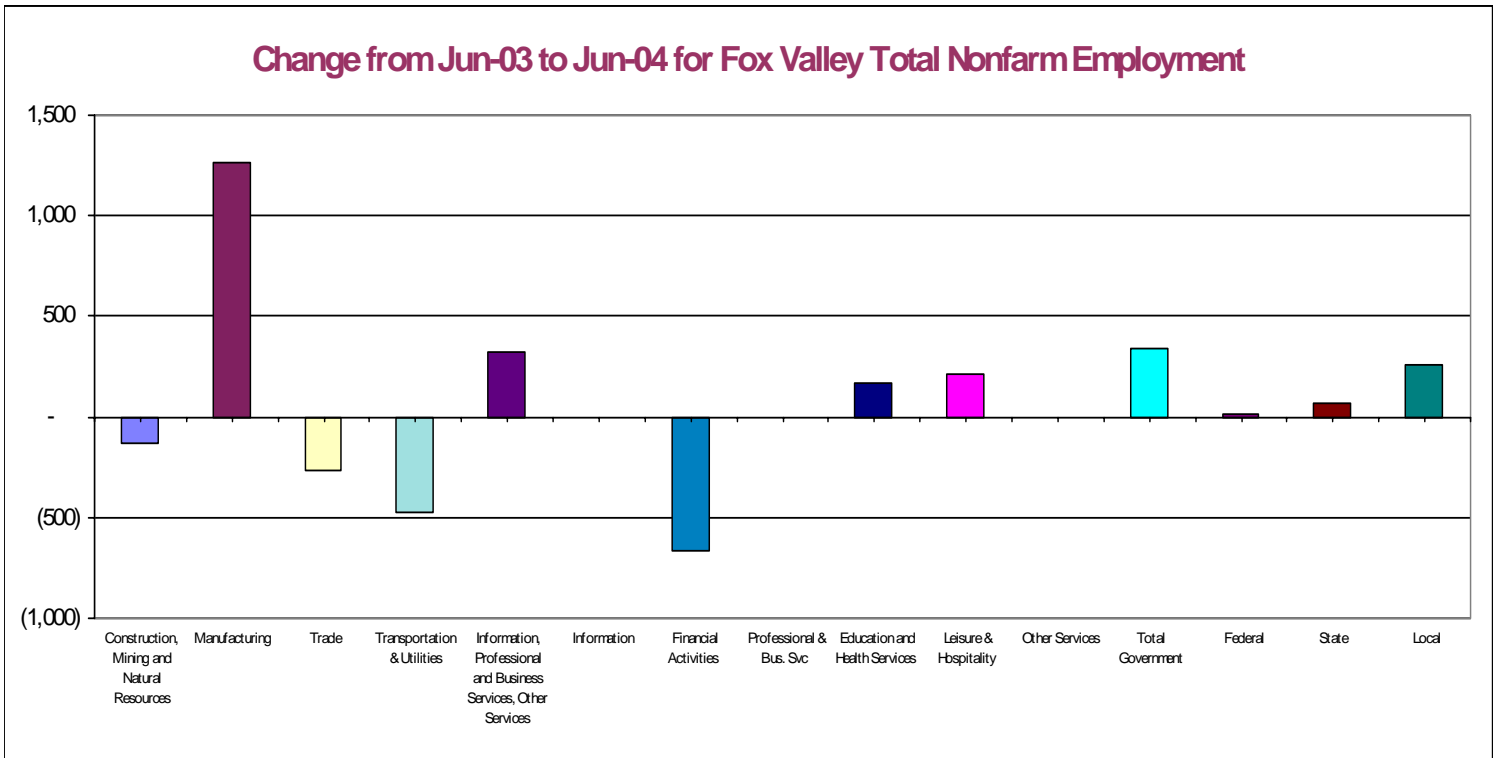
State and County Unadjusted Unemployment Rates



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Although the monthly unemployment rate was above the May level, the rates in all of the Fox Valley Workforce Development Area were below last year. The rate in the region was down 0.8 of a percentage point from last June. The declines ranged from a 0.2 of a percentage point decrease in Waupaca County to a 1.3 of a percentage point drop in Fond du Lac County. This is quite consistent with the statewide economy where the over the year rates were down in 64 of the state's 72 counties, with one county unchanged and seven posting an increase in their rate.

crease was evenly split between goods producing jobs and service producing jobs, the annual changes indicates that nearly 70 percent of the increase was in the goods producing sector. Manufacturing was up by nearly 1,300 jobs. Service producing jobs rose only 400 during the year. This was partially the result of losses of 500 in the transportation and utilities, 700 in the financial activities, and 300 in trade. Offsetting these losses were gains in the information, professional and business services, leisure and hospitality and government.



The number of workers employed in the Fox Valley Area was up 4,700 from last year for a total of 336,900 employed. The number in the labor force increased 1,800 over the year to 353,500, while the number of workers estimated to be unemployed was down 2,900 to 16,600.

The number of nonfarm wage and salary (NFWS) jobs in the region rose 4,200 in June. The increase was evenly split between the service producing sector which increased 2,200 and the goods producing sector which was up 2,000. This includes an increase of 1,800 in manufacturing and 200 in the construction, mining and natural resources. The leisure and hospitality sector rose 800 during the month.

Over the year job growth was not quite as dramatic as the monthly increase, but still it remains significant as it shows gains in the local economy better than the monthly change which is mostly influenced by the strong seasonal patterns experienced through most of Wisconsin. NFWS employment in the region was up 1,600. While the monthly in-

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

The seasonally adjusted rate for the Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA was 4.2 percent. This was down from 4.3 percent in May and 4.9 percent last June. For Wisconsin the rate was 5.1 percent and the U.S. was at 5.6 percent.

Rates for other MSA's around the state were: Green Bay, 4.2 percent; Sheboygan, 4.1 percent; Milwaukee, 5.1 percent, and Madison, 2.6 percent. The nation's unemployment rate was 6.0 percent, and Wisconsin's was 5.0 percent. There was very little change in the seasonally adjusted rates among the state's eleven MSA's. The rate declined in eight of the MSA's with the declines ranging from 0.1 to 0.3 of a percentage point. Two MSA's had increases, each rising 0.1 of a percentage point and one MSA was unchanged.

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Wisconsin Fox Valley Workforce Development Area							
June 2004	Appl/Osh MSA	Fond du Lac	Green Lake	Waupaca	Waushara	Fox Valley WDA	Wisconsin
Civilian Labor Force**	242,400	58,900	10,700	28,800	12,600	353,500	3,176,200
Employed	231,600	56,000	10,100	27,400	11,800	336,900	3,013,400
Unemployed	10,900	2,900	600	1,500	700	16,600	162,800
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	4.9%	5.7%	5.1%	5.9%	4.7%	5.1%
Total Nonfarm (NFWS) ***	208,400	48,300	7,700	22,100	6,200	292,600	2,870,600
Total Private	184,700	42,400	6,400	17,900	4,800	256,100	2,457,100
Goods Producing	62,100	13,500	1,700	5,900	1,200	84,400	657,000
Service Producing	146,300	34,900	5,900	16,200	5,000	208,200	2,213,600
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	13,400	2,900	500	900	400	18,000	138,100
Manufacturing	48,700	10,500	1,300	5,000	800	66,400	518,900
Trade	13,600	7,400	1,000	3,200	900	26,100	227,500
Transportation & Utilities	3,400	1,300	300	500	300	5,800	48,600
Financial Activities	10,300	1,900	300	700	200	13,400	160,600
Education and Health Services	21,900	6,100	1,100	2,600	700	32,400	373,300
Leisure & Hospitality	16,900	4,900	1,000	2,500	900	26,200	269,200
Info., Prof.& Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	36,100	7,300	1,000	2,400	700	47,600	442,300
Total Government	23,700	5,900	1,300	4,200	1,400	36,500	413,500
Federal	1,100	300	100	100	100	1,600	29,600
State	4,800	700	0	900	400	6,800	93,500
Local	17,800	5,000	1,200	3,200	900	28,100	290,400
Change from one month ago	May 2004						
Civilian Labor Force**	6,400	1,800	300	1,100	200	9,700	77,400
Employed	5,400	1,400	300	900	100	8,000	61,900
Unemployed	1,000	500	100	200	100	1,700	15,400
Unemployment rate(%)	0.3%	0.6%	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
Total Nonfarm (NFWS) ***	2,900	600	200	500	0	4,200	36,800
Percent change NFWS from last month	1.4%	1.3%	2.5%	2.2%	0.0%	1.5%	1.3%
Total Private	3,200	600	210	440	130	4,600	43,200
Goods Producing	1,600	300	60	140	20	2,200	17,600
Service Producing	1,300	300	130	340	-20	2,000	19,200
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	100	100	30	40	20	300	7,100
Manufacturing	1,500	200	30	100	0	1,800	10,500
Trade	100	100	10	90	20	300	4,000
Transportation & Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100
Financial Activities	0	0	10	10	10	100	1,200
Education and Health Services	200	-100	0	40	20	200	-2,100
Leisure & Hospitality	400	100	100	100	100	800	11,400
Info., Prof.& Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	400	100	20	40	20	600	6,700
Total Government	-300	0	-20	40	-130	-400	-6,400
Federal	0	0	0	0	10	0	300
State	-600	0	0	10	10	-600	-6,800
Local	300	0	-20	20	-140	200	100
Change from one year ago	June 2003						
Civilian Labor Force**	300	400	100	600	400	1,800	35,800
Employed	2,200	1,100	200	700	500	4,700	55,200
Unemployed	-1,800	-800	-100	0	-100	-2,900	-19,500
Unemployment rate(%)	-0.8%	-1.3%	-1.2%	-0.2%	-1.2%	-0.8%	-0.7%
Total Nonfarm (NFWS) ***	500	700	-100	300	200	1,600	46,800
Percent change NFWS from last year	0.2%	1.4%	-1.1%	1.3%	3.3%	0.5%	1.7%
Total Private	600	400	-100	170	150	1,200	52,600
Goods Producing	1,300	-200	-30	-20	60	1,100	9,800
Service Producing	-800	800	-50	300	140	400	37,000
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	-300	200	10	0	10	-100	500
Manufacturing	1,600	-300	-40	-20	50	1,300	9,300
Trade	-400	100	-40	30	0	-300	5,900
Transportation & Utilities	-300	-200	0	-20	0	-500	-1,200
Financial Activities	-700	0	10	-20	10	-700	1,900
Education and Health Services	200	0	0	-10	20	200	8,500
Leisure & Hospitality	-300	300	-60	180	40	200	6,500
Info., Prof.& Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	0	300	30	20	10	300	11,700
Total Government	-100	200	20	120	50	300	-5,800
Federal	0	0	0	0	10	0	-400
State	100	0	0	-10	0	100	-3,200
Local	-200	300	20	130	50	300	-2,200
* Seven counties, excluding La Crosse County ** Includes participants residing in area. *** Includes employment with employers located in area. Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted. Current month estimates are preliminary. Totals may not add due to rounding. Calculations based on unrounded numbers. NFWS data is benchmarked to 3/2002							

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